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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether it is not a fact that previously the pump-sets manufactured in our State were not supplied along with oil engines when we got oil engines on a hire purchase system? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would request the hon. Member to meet and discuss with me sometime later and I shall explain to him the wholething."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" As we are having enough number of pump-sets manufactured in Coimbatore, may I request the Government to supply only the pump-sets of Coimbatore origin instead of importing them from North India so that our ryots may be benefited in the matter of price? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Government are examining that question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know how many concerns here manufacture oil engines which are supplied on a hire purchase system? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Eighty per cent of the requirements are supplied from out of the Indian products. I do not have with me just now particulars regarding the number of firms which manufacture these engines."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is there great difference in the price of local and imported products and if so, will not local sentiment overlook the price factor for the purchase of cheaper non-local products and therefore will the Hon. Minister not prohibit the import of such products from outside."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That is why there is the system of contract list where only engines and pump-sets which are certified to be good are included."

Bridge on the Pollachi-Trichur road.

* 1071 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether estimates were prepared to construct a bridge at 18/1 mile on the Pollachi-Trichur Road (Malabar side) two years ago;

(*b*) if so, whether the bridge has been constructed; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The bridge will be completed and opened for public traffic before the end of March 1955."